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Linda Davidson respectfully files the enclosed: Petitioner's Response to Deny or Dismiss Petition for Rulemaking with the Commission.

She also wishes to inform the Commission of a change in her mailing address to the address listed above. Mail sent to her old address (2134 Oak St, Unit C, Santa Monica, CA 90405) is being forwarded to her new address.

Respectfully submitted, Linda a. Davidson

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## Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Amendment of Section 73.202 (b)	) MB Docket No
Table of Allotments	)
FM Broadcast Stations	) RM
(Milner, Georgia)	)
(Ellaville, Georgia)	)
(Plains, Georgia)	)

To:

Secretary

Attn:

Chief, Media Bureau, Audio Division

## PETITIONER'S RESPONSE TO MOTION TO DENY OR DISMISS PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

Linda A. Davidson ("Petitioner") respectfully submits her response to the above motion, filed by Southern Broadcasting ("Southern") on August 3, 2004.

- 1. Southern bases their motion on the following items, which petitioner will address one at a time.
- 2. First, Southern claims that petitioner's rulemaking petition is defective because the FAA would not approve a tower at the reference coordinates for replacement FM channel 232 A at Ellaville, GA. Unfortunately for Southern, on September 11, 2004 the FAA issued a Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation for the reference site. Indeed, Southern was forced to notify the Commission of this fact themselves.
- 3. Next, Southern claims that the petition should be dismissed because petitioner did not express interest in the proposed replacement channel at Ellaville. The reason for this is simple: Petitioner proposed to REPLACE an existing vacant FM channel with a different one. The original channel was allotted to Ellaville in another earlier rulemaking. In this rulemaking, the original petitioner already expressed interest in an FM channel at Ellaville. That rulemaking was closed some time ago. Southern's logic here is frankly puzzling to petitioner.
- Southern now claims that the proposed replacement channel at Ellaville, channel 4. 232A does not cover 100% of Ellaville from the reference coordinates specified. Attached is a map which clearly shows that a 16.2 kilometer city grade circle literally overlaps the corporate boundary of Ellaville. Additionally, petitioner has provided a topographic map which shows there are no buildings or population within the area in question. This area is shown on the topographic map to be low lying wetlands. However, should the Commission buy Southern's argument, petitioner wishes to remind the Commission that in paragraph #6 of the Petition for Rulemaking, petitioner stated that Ellaville is 100% city grade covered by the proposed Plains allotment as well. In other words, the Milner allotment can still be granted by simply changing the reference coordinates of the existing Ellaville channel, FM channel 290A. Attached is a second circle plot clearly showing that 100+ percent of Ellaville is covered by the use of (the existing) FM channel 290A at the coordinates given in the Rulemaking Petition for Plains. Given the choice of the Commission allotting a channel at either Plains or Milner, petitioner would respectfully request the Milner allotment be granted.

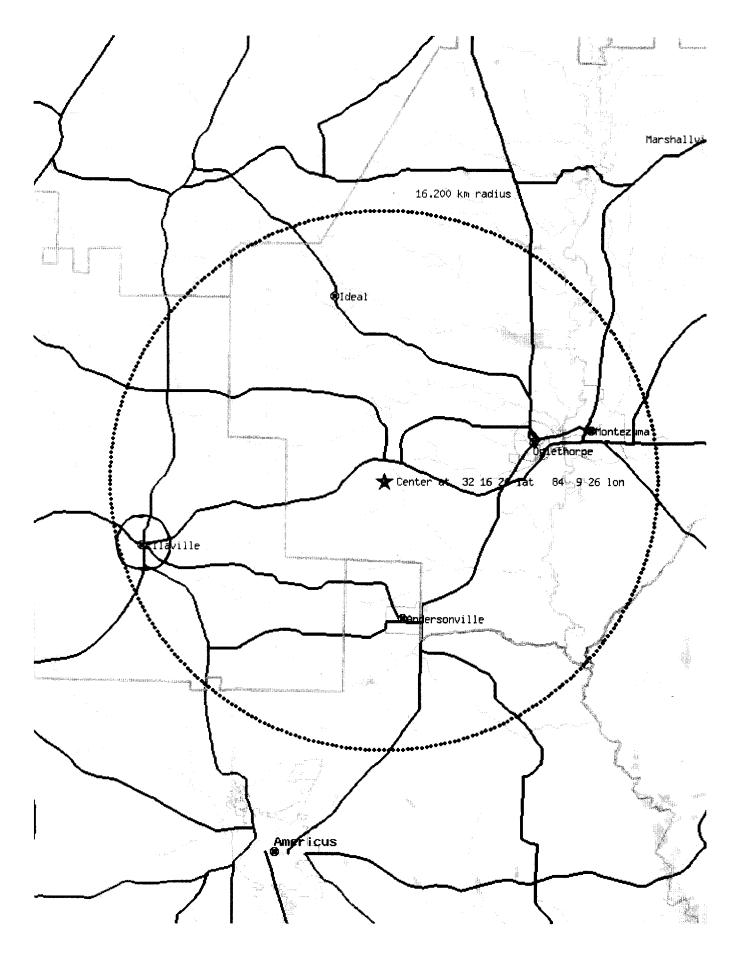
- 5. The final claim by Southern frankly borders on the absurd. Southern claims that the original Petition for Rulemaking should be dismissed because it did not include a cover letter to the Commission's Secretary. Petitioner wishes to remind the Commission that she mailed the Rulemaking Petition to the Secretary in the first place. Petitioner has mailed dozens of filings with the Commission's Secretary and never once sent a cover letter. Each and every one of these filings has been accepted and acted upon (mostly in a favorable way) by the Commission. This clearly shows that this "Infraction" is a red herring at best and a microscopically small infraction at the worst. Clearly, it would be wrong for the Commission to dismiss based upon this "problem".
- The question the Commission might be asking itself is why Southern wants this 6. Rulemaking Petition dismissed so badly. Petitioner offers that she knows the reason why. Last summer she received a telephone call from a man identifying himself as a principal of Southern Broadcasting. He requested that she dismiss the Milner rulemaking petition so they could move a transmitter site for a station they own. That station has been identified by petitioner as WNGC, Toccoa, GA (2000 population 9323) operating on FM channel 291C1. Apparently, Southern wishes to move their station closer to Atlanta which is precluded by the proposed channel 290A Milner allotment. Attached is the licensed 60 dbu coverage of WNGC. The proposed Milner allotment is almost due south of the WNGC transmitter site. Petitioner stated she would consider this if Southern could find a replacement channel at Milner. They could not. Clearly, the Commission would find that first aural services in two communities more in the public interest than moving an existing FM station closer to a bigger city. Thus, it was necessary to get the Milner allotment dismissed by any means possible. This is the reason for Southern's "Grabbing at straws" like they have. Petitioner hopes that the Commission will see through this facade and issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the communities of Milner and Plains, Georgia.
- 7. Petitioner hereby verifies and affirms under the penalty of perjury that the statements given in this response are hers, and are accurate to the best of her knowledge.

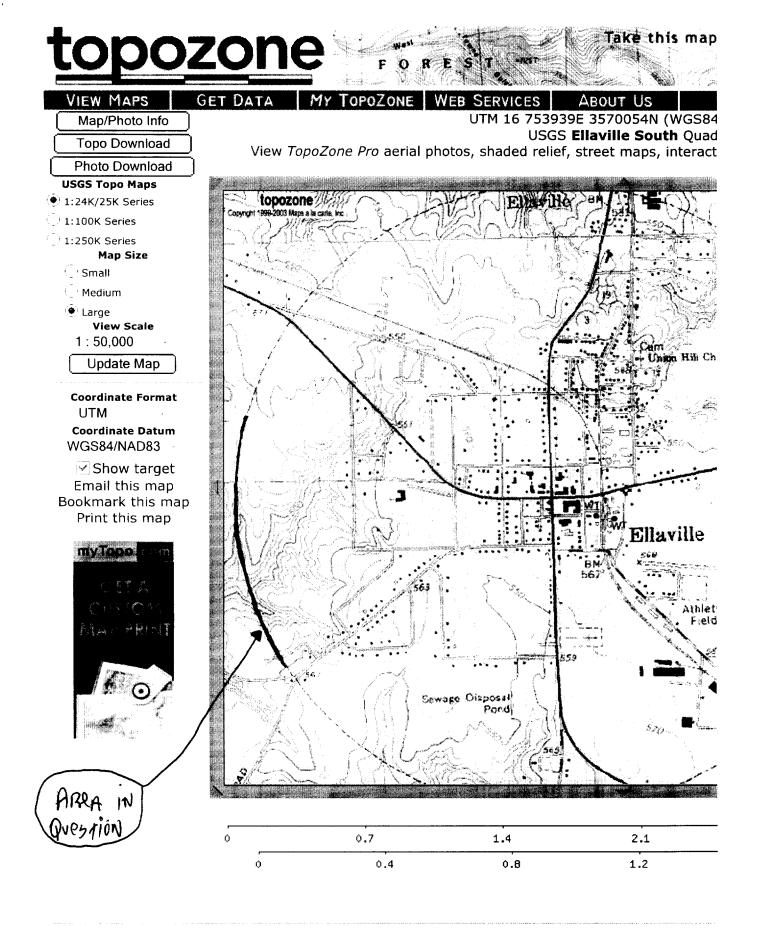
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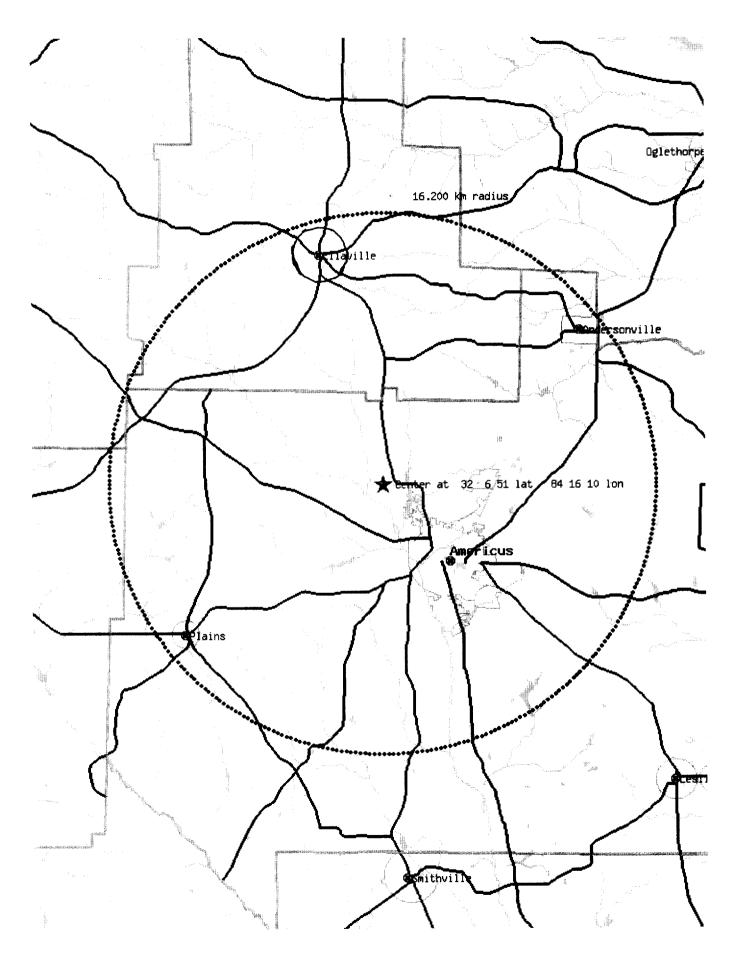
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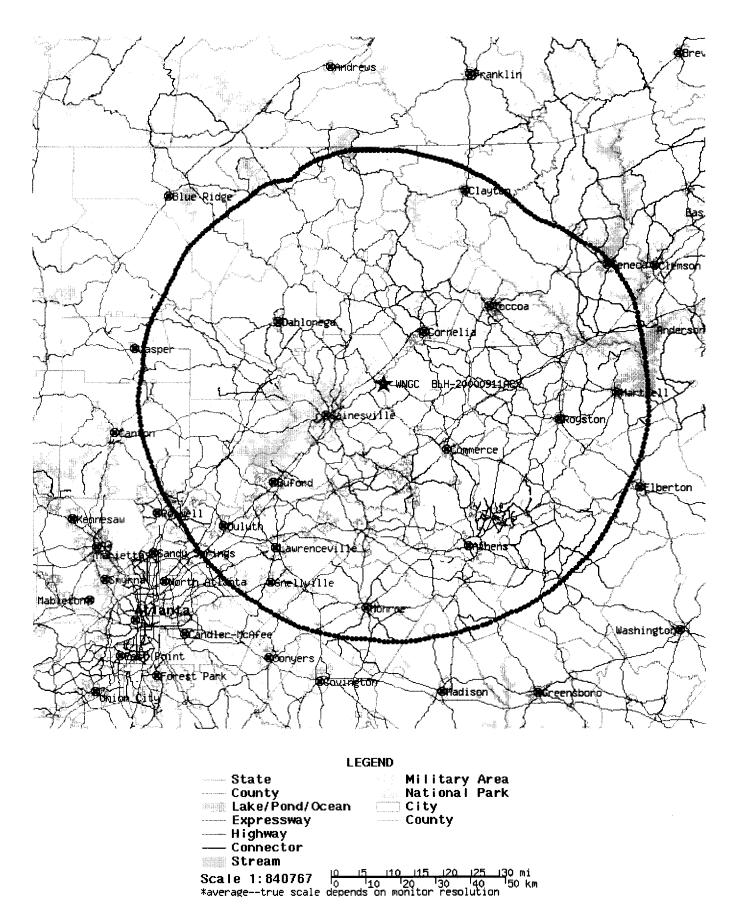
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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Linda A. Davidson hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing "Petitioner's Response to Motion to Deny or Dismiss Petition for Rulemaking" Was sent on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005 via first class United States Mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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